

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

200 W. Washington, Suite 301
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 233-0696
<http://www.in.gov/legislative>

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6541

BILL NUMBER: HB 1536

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 21, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 20, 2003

SUBJECT: Physician Assistants.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ GENERAL
☒ DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		18,000	9,750
Net Increase (Decrease)		(18,000)	(9,750)

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill authorizes: (1) a physician to delegate prescribing privileges to a physician assistant; and (2) a physician assistant to prescribe legend drugs. The bill requires the patient to be seen by the physician in certain circumstances. The bill also restricts a physician assistant from prescribing, administering, or monitoring general anesthesia, regional block anesthesia, or deep sedation unless certain conditions are met.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Health Professions Bureau oversees the state regulation of physician assistants. The bureau may incur additional expenses if physician assistants are granted prescriptive authority. The promulgation of rules related to this bill is expected to require the Bureau's Physician Assistant Committee to meet monthly in FY 2004 and bimonthly in FY 2005. (The Committee currently meets quarterly.) The Bureau may also experience an increase in telephone inquiries about the proposed changes. The bill would also require the Bureau to discard current controlled substance registration (CSR) applications and create new applications that include physician assistants. In January 2002, the Bureau

estimated the potential increased costs to be \$18,000 for the first year and \$9,750 for the second year. (These estimates will be updated if additional information becomes available.)

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including funds that otherwise would be reverted or from new appropriations. The Bureau reverted \$50,119 in FY 2001 and \$86,758 in FY 2002. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues: The proposal may affect the number of new applications and the amount of renewal fees the Bureau collects. The specific impact is indeterminable. As of December 2000, there were 288 certified physician assistants in Indiana. The cost for an initial application is \$30, and the cost to renew the certificate is \$20 biennially. Revenue collected from the physician assistant application and renewal fees for FY 2002 equaled \$10,596. These fees are deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

Fiscal Analyst: Kathy Norris, 317-234-1360